

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2003. In the Office Action Claims 1-7, 10-22 and 24-33 were pending, of which Claims 2-7, 10-22 and 24-33 were allowed. With this amendment, claims 1 and 2 are amended, claims 34 and 35 are added and the remaining claims are unchanged.

The Office Action first reports that Claim 2 was objected to, stating that the term "lock out function" should be "lock out function device". The Office Action required appropriate correction. Claim 2 has been amended as suggested.

The Office Action next reports that Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite because the phrase "an attachment to which it is connected" was unclear. Further, the Office Action pointed out that it was not known whether "indication signal" is the same as "identification signal". Claim 1 has been amended so that the electronic controller is electrically connected to the attachment and by substituting ---an identification signal--- in place of "an indication signal". It is respectfully submitted that these amendments resolve clarity issues raised in the Office Action.

The Office Action next reports that Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,957,213 to Loraas et al. (hereinafter Lorass). The Office Action states that Loraas discloses an attachment control device for use with the power machine with the following: an electronic controller 212 coupled to the control computer 214 the electronic controller 212 being configured to receive an indication signal from an attachment and provide the signal to the control computer 214 to control the attachment.

Claim 1 has been amended and recites an attachment control device for use with a power machine having a control computer for controlling operation of the power machine, the attachment control device comprising: an electronic controller mounted on

the power machine and coupled to the control computer and being spaced apart from the control computer, the electronic controller being electrically connected to an attachment and configured to receive an identification signal from the attachment and provide a control signal to the control computer to control the attachment based on the identification signal.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, the electronic controller is mounted on the power machine and spaced apart from the control computer. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable over Loraas.

Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 34-35 are new and depend from claim 1. Claims 34 and 35 are supported in the Specification at least at page 14, line 17 to page 15, line 3, FIG. 3A and corresponding sections of the Specification. Applicant requests allowance of claims 34-35 as well.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that the case is in allowable form. Notice to that affect is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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